GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NON ALIGNMENT
RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `NAM no longer a mantra: Brajesh` appearing in the Hindustan Times dated February 9, 2000;

(b) if so, whether doctrines of non-violence and non-alignment are no longer acceptable; and

(c) if so, the facts with details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Principal Secretary to PM and National Security Advisor Shri Brajesh Mishra made a presentation to the 36th Munich Conference on Security Policy on February 6, 2000. The statement affirms that non-violence and non-alignment, as concepts, were rooted in strict rationality and real-politick. These powerful vehicles, grounded in rationality for advancing national interest, subsequently became mere slogans. There is no basis, therefore, for the conclusion that the Government has rejected the doctrines of non-violence and non-alignment.